at Srinagar Garhwal and Dehradun or compensate them by paying to and fro journey fare;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) The Union Public Service Commission has three centres in Uttar Pradesh, viz., Lucknow, Allahabad and Bareilly. The centre at Bareilly which started functioning in April, 1991 serves the needs of hill areas as well as mid-Western Uttar Pradesh. There is no proposal to set up a new centre at Srinagar Garhwal or Dehradun.

The Staff Selection Commission has 10 examination centres in the State of Uttar Pradesh, including a centre at Dehradun which caters to the needs of rural candidates residing in remote areas of Garhwal region. There is at present no proposal to set up a new centre at Srinagar Garhwal.

No travelling allowance is paid to candidates appearing in written examinations conducted by the UPSC and the SSC. Hence, rural candidates of Garhwal region cannot be compensated by payment of to and fro journey fares.

Publication of Weeklies, Periodicals and Daily Newspapers in Kerala

3686. SHRI KODIKKUNIL SURESH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of weeklies, periodicals and daily newspapers being published in Kerala; and

(b) the weeklies, periodicals and daily newspapers which are of high level circulation?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) There were 1320 newspapers in Kerala including 170 Dailies, 2 Bi-weeklies, 165 Weeklies, 143 Fortnightlies, 703 Monthlies and 137 others, as on December, 1990.

(b) Details given in the statement below:—

STATEMENT

List of Newspapers and Periodicals published from Kerala with a circulation of more than 25,000 *copies per publishing day, as on December* 31*st*, 1990

DAILIES		
1.	Indian Express, English/D, Cochin	62,006
2.	Malayala Manorama, Malayalam/D, Cochin	1,50,551
3.	Malayala Manorama, Mal./D. Kottayam	1,85,554
4.	Malayala Manorama, Mal./D, Calicut	1,92,751
5.	Malayala Manorama, Mal./D, Trivandrum	1,85,554
*6.	Mangalam, Mal/D, Kottayam	67,298
7.	Mathrubhumi, Mal./D, Calicut	1,85,424
8.	Mathrubhumi, Mal./D, Cochin	1,59,486
9.	Mathrubhumi, Mal./D, Trivandrum	1,11,088
*10.	Kerala Kaumudi, Mal./D, Trivandrum	1,10,770
*11.	Kerala Kaumudi, Mal./D, Calicut	41,960
*12.	Deshabhimani, Mal./D, Calicut	57,925

*13.	Deshabhimani, Mal./D, Cochin	49,762
14.	Madhyamam, Mal. /D, Calicut	34,458
WEEKLIES		
1.	Week, The English/W, Kottayam	66,633
*2.	Mangalam, Malayalam/W, Kottayam	12,11,135
3.	Chempakam, Mal./W, Kottayam	41,566
4.	Chintha, Mal./W, Cochin	32,150
5.	Chitrabhumi, Mal/W, Trivandrum	34,179
6.	Kala Kaumudi, Mal./W, Trivandrum	59,466
7.	Kanmani, Mal./W, Kottayam	65,959
8.	Manorajyam, Mal./W, Kottayam	76,148
9.	Malayala Manorama, Mal/W, Kottayam	11,86,340
10.	Mathrubhumi, Mal./W, Trivandrum	80,606
11.	Sakhi, Mal./W, Kottayam	48,562
FORTNIGHTLIES		
1.	Balarama, Mal./F, Kottayam	1,99,875
2.	Balarama Amarchitrakatha, Mal./F, Kottayam	52,868
3.	Manorama Comics, Mal./F, Kottayam	31,541
MONTHLIES		
1.	Grihalekshmi, Mal./M, Trivandrum	92,803
2.	Kuttikalude Deepika, Mal./M, Kottayam	50,125
3.	Manasastram, Mal./M, Trivandrum	32,041

*Circulation figure as on 31st December, 1989.

Special Status for Electronics Industry

3687. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Electronics has sought special status for the electronics industry to meet its foreign exchange requirements;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Department of Electronics has proposed the following measures:

(i) The electronics industry be granted additional electronics REP licences with the flexibility of importing Appendix 2B items (Import-Export Policy, 1990-93) of 10% of the f.o.b. value of exports.

(ii) The distinction between Phased Manufacturing Programme (PMP) and non-PMP units in the matter of access to Open General Licence (OGL) be removed for the electronics sector.

(c) The proposal made by the Department of Electronics is under consideration of the Government.

Take over of Sick Unit

3688. SHRI C. SRINIVASAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of representations for taking over the